

Vima Sunrider

"And so the little one... also a great Jedi."
—Vodo-Siosk Baas

Vima Sunrider was a **Human female Jedi Master** active in the **years** following the **Great Sith War**. A native of the **planet H'ratth**, Sunrider was born in **4000 BBY** as the daughter of **Jedi Knight Andur Sunrider** and his **Force-sensitive wife, Nomi Sunrider**—as a consequence, Sunrider was **born** with considerable **Force** potential. However, in **3999 BBY**, when Sunrider was still an **infant**, her father was **killed** by **thugs** on a delivery mission. Sunrider and her mother continued the trip without the slain Knight, delivering a shipment of **Adegan crystals** to the venerable **Tchuukthai Jedi Master Thon** on the planet **Ambria**. Thon took the two on as his **Jedi apprentices**, and the young Sunrider learned to control the Force in the ensuing years. During her **training**, Sunrider encountered many famous **Jedi Masters**, including the **Krevaaki Vodo-Siosk Baas** and the **Draethos Odan-Urr**, all of whom predicted that she would become a great Jedi Master. Vima Sunrider grew up in very unstable **times**, and she was frequently separated from her **mother**, who went on to become a prominent Jedi Knight, as she was forced to attend to business in a particularly violent period in **galactic history**. Sunrider was put in danger several times in her childhood—she was nearly kidnapped by a hostile **war droid** during a **clash** on **Deneba**, and was caught in the middle of battles on **Ambria** and **Ossus**—but ultimately emerged unscathed.

As Sunrider grew older, her mother took over her Jedi training, although she was too busy with her expanded role in the **Jedi Order's** leadership to attend to her daughter. As a result, Sunrider, who desperately wanted to be a full-fledged Jedi, became extremely frustrated with Nomi. Things came to a head in **3986 BBY**, when Sunrider ran away from a **Jedi conclave** on **Exis Station** in order to find her own way to become a Jedi. Sunrider decided to seek out **Ulic Qel-Droma**, a once-famed Jedi Knight and lover of Nomi Sunrider who had been **stripped** of his connection to the Force after falling to the **dark side** and battling the Jedi during the Great **Sith War** about a **decade prior**. She eventually found Qel-Droma on the remote planet **Rhen Var** and convinced the initially-reluctant former Jedi to take her on as an apprentice. Sunrider proved herself to be an exceptionally dedicated student, and constructed her **first lightsaber** during her tutelage under Qel-Droma—the two grew to have an almost father-daughter relationship. However, Nomi found out about her daughter's training with Qel-Droma, and worrying for her daughter, tracked her down to Rhen Var. Also arriving on the world was the **Cathar** Jedi **Sylvar**, who had lost her mate **Crado** during the Great Sith War and desired revenge against Qel-Droma. Although Sunrider helped facilitate a peaceful solution between all the Jedi involved, Qel-Droma was **shot** in the back by a **spacer** named **Hoggon**, who wanted to be a hero for **killing** the man he saw as one of history's greatest war criminals. As



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Biographical information	
Homeworld	H'ratth ^[1]
Born	4000 BBY , ^[2] H'ratth ^[1]
Physical description	
Species	Human ^[3]
Gender	Female ^[3]
Hair color	Blonde , ^[3] later red ^[4]
Eye color	Blue ^[4]
Skin color	Light ^[3]
Chronological and political information	
Era(s)	Old Republic era ^[3]
Affiliation(s)	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Jedi Order^[5]Galactic Republic^[1]</div>
Masters	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Thon^[6]Ulic Qel-Droma^[5]Nomi Sunrider^[5]</div>
Apprentices	Meetra Surik ^[7]
[Source]	

Sunrider grieved, the mortally wounded Qel-Droma pronounced her to be a Jedi for the first time. Vima Sunrider went on to fulfill her potential by becoming a respected Jedi Master, and headed a [long line](#) of powerful women destined for greatness.

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"Daddy."

—An infant Vima Sunrider, seeing her father's Force ghost

Vima Sunrider, along with her mother, sees the ghostly image of Andur Sunrider.

Vima Sunrider, a [Human female](#), was [born](#) in [4000 BBY](#)^[2] to [Jedi Knight Andur Sunrider](#) and his [wife Nomi Sunrider](#).^[3] Descended from a [long line](#) of [Jedi](#), Sunrider was born on the [planet H'ratth](#) while her [father](#) was [training](#) in the Jedi way under [Master Chamma](#).^[1] Sunrider's [Force-sensitivity](#) was quickly discovered—along with her Jedi father, Sunrider's mother Nomi also possessed as-yet-unrealized [Force](#) potential.^[3] Shortly after Sunrider's birth, her father was sent on a mission to deliver a package of [Adegan crystals](#) to the [Tchuukthai](#) Jedi Master [Thon](#) on the planet [Ambria](#) in the [Stenness system](#). It was determined that Vima and Nomi Sunrider would accompany Andur on his journey, alongside the [protocol droid A-3DO](#) on their [starship](#), the [Lightside Explorer](#). The group left for Ambria shortly afterward.^[1] The Sunrider clan made their way to the [Stenness Hyperspace Terminal](#), a [space station](#) in the same [system](#) as their final destination, Ambria. However, their presence on the terminal caught the attention of [Bogga the Hutt](#), a notorious [crime lord](#) who learned of the Sunriders' valuable cargo and sent several of his [enforcers](#) to take it for himself.^[3]

As Sunrider and her parents settled down to eat a meal, the family was [accosted](#) by several of Bogga's thugs. During the struggle, Andur Sunrider was [fatally](#) bitten by a [gorm-worm](#) wielded by one of the enforcers, [Gudb](#). Almost immediately after his death, however, Sunrider and her mother observed Andur's [Force ghost](#) appear—as they were Force-sensitive, Sunrider and her mother were the only ones who were able to see the Jedi Knight's spirit. Andur directed Nomi to take up his [lightsaber](#) and defend Sunrider from the attackers. After Nomi drove the enforcers off with a [display](#) of lightsaber skill, Andur's spirit reappeared to Sunrider and her mother and directed them to continue the voyage to Ambria. The remaining Sunriders eventually made it to Ambria in the [Lightside Explorer](#), and Sunrider traveled the rest of the way to [Master Thon's compound asleep](#) in her mother's [arms](#). The Sunriders were invited into Master Thon's home by his [Vultan apprentice](#), [Oss Wilum](#), although they did not initially recognize the large, beast-like Thon as the Jedi Master whom they had been seeking. Soon after they arrived at the compound, they were attacked by Bogga and his thugs, who had come to Ambria in pursuit of the valuable [crystals](#). It was there that Master Thon revealed himself, and he leaped into action and drove the gang away.^[3]

Early apprenticeship [Edit](#)

«*Bring your daughter. She too is my apprentice!*»

—Master Thon, to Nomi Sunrider

The two Sunriders remained with Master Thon during the coming [months](#), as the Tchuukthai had taken Nomi as his new apprentice. Sunrider's Force [abilities](#) grew over this span, as she learned to exert [influence](#) over the [neek lizards](#) with whom she often played. On one occasion, Sunrider followed the neeks to [Lake Natth](#), a [body](#) of [water](#) that

had a significant [dark side](#) taint. Upon reaching the lake, Sunrider was approached by a fierce [hssiss](#) dragon, a creature that had been [mutated](#) into its present form by the waters. Sunrider was frozen with fear by the hostile beast, but she was quickly saved by her mother, who warned Sunrider never to wander near Lake Natth again. Sunrider and her mother soon had to bid Oss Wilum, whom they had grown close to during their months on Ambria, goodbye, as the Vultan was called to support Jedi efforts during the [Freedom Nadd Uprising](#) on [Onderon](#). After Wilum's departure, Thon decided to begin the Jedi training of not only Nomi Sunrider, but the [young](#) Sunrider as well. At the Tchuukthai's behest, the Sunriders set out on a trip across Ambria on their new Jedi Master's back.^[8] The three traveled through the Ambrian landscape, including an excursion near Lake Natth; all the while, Thon engaged in a debate about the Force with Nomi. During this discussion, Thon activated a Jedi [holocron](#), which projected the image of the [Neti](#) Jedi Master [Ood Bnar](#). Sunrider, unfamiliar with what she was seeing, was frightened by the [holographic](#) forms displayed by the [holocron](#).^[6]

When they returned to Thon's compound, Sunrider and the others found it [besieged](#) by [pirates](#) sent by Bogga the Hutt to steal the Adegan [crystal](#) shipment. Helpless amidst the attack, Sunrider was shielded by her mother during the pirates' initial salvos. Nomi entrusted Sunrider's protection to A-3DO, and left to join the fight. The combined efforts of Nomi and Thon decimated the invading force, and Vima made it through the skirmish unscathed.^[6] The three soon left Ambria and traveled to the [Great Jedi Library](#) on [Ossus](#) to further the Sunriders' training in the Force. The group met with the respected [Krevaaki](#) Jedi Master [Vodo-Siosk Baas](#), who recognized young Sunrider as a future great Jedi. As Baas focused on training Nomi, Sunrider passed the [time](#) by playing with the other children of Jedi staying on the world. However, Sunrider and her mother were only on Ossus for a short time before Nomi was chosen to fight alongside Jedi forces in the Freedom Nadd Uprising. While her mother journeyed to Onderon, Sunrider stayed behind on Ossus, taken care of by the [Jedi Order](#).^[9] Nomi Sunrider and the Jedi were ultimately victorious on Onderon, repelling the [Naddist cult](#) members who tried to seize power there.^[10]

Growing up in turmoil [Edit](#)

"And this little one... someday she will be a Jedi Master, with many apprentices."

—Odan-Urr

In [3997 BBY](#), a massive Jedi [conclave](#) was called on the planet [Deneba](#) to address the threat posed by a rising group of dark side [magicians](#) from the [Empress Teta system](#) known as the [Krath](#). Vima Sunrider, still quite young, attended the [convocation](#) with her mother, who carried her to the gathering's location atop [Mount Meru](#) in her arms. However, the conclave soon descended into [battle](#), as a massive force of [Krath war droids](#) and modified [servant droids](#) attacked the Jedi. Caught in the midst of the fighting, a terrified Sunrider was scooped up by an enemy [droid](#), but she was saved and returned to her mother by the [Cathar](#) Jedi [Sylvar](#). The Krath force was repelled, and Sunrider ultimately made it through the battle unscathed.^[11] After the fighting ended, [Ulic Qel-Droma](#)—a Jedi whom Nomi had grown extremely close to over the past few [years](#)—decided to infiltrate the Krath and bring them down from within.^[12] Although still a child, Sunrider realized even then that her mother was in love with Qel-Droma,^[13] and accompanied Nomi and Qel-Droma on a trip to the Great Jedi [Library](#) during Qel-Droma's preparations for his mission. When Qel-Droma was ready to embark on his quest, Sunrider and her mother saw him off, and Sunrider embraced a sorrowful Nomi after Qel-Droma's departure.^[12] However, Nomi quickly grew worried about Qel-Droma, and left Sunrider in the care of Master Thon while she traveled to [Empress Teta](#) in an attempt to find and help him.^[14]

Nomi's attempt was unsuccessful, and Qel-Droma remained with the Krath.^[14] Sunrider subsequently was reunited with her mother, and the two remained on Ossus as Nomi continued her Jedi training. During this time, young Sunrider became close

with the venerable [Draethos](#) Jedi Master [Odan-Urr](#), who doted on Sunrider and fed her [bofa treats](#). Odan-Urr saw considerable potential in Sunrider, and predicted that she would become a great Jedi Master who would train many apprentices.^[15] The galaxy was soon thrown into turmoil—Ulic Qel-Droma returned from Empress Teta as a conquering [Sith Lord](#) alongside his [Sith Master Exar Kun](#), and led a resurgent [Sith Empire](#) against the Republic. After a [duel](#) in the [Galactic Senate](#) that resulted in Vodo-Siosk Baas's death, Sunrider, her mother, and Sylvar traveled to Ambria to be with Thon. It was a joyous reunion for Sunrider, as she was once again with her Jedi teacher and friend. But almost immediately after their arrival, the Jedi were attacked by a pair of [fallen Jedi](#)—Oss Wilum and Sylvar's mate [Crado](#), who employed native hssiss dragons bent to their will. Sunrider was shielded by her mother during the fighting, and made it out unscathed while the attackers were defeated.^[16]

After the incident, the group returned to Ossus, only to find the planet in dire straits. A [Sith-inflicted supernova](#) in the nearby [Cron Cluster](#) had created a shockwave that promised to destroy the Jedi world. A mad scramble ensued as the Jedi on Ossus desperately tried to save whatever they could of the planet's ancient [Jedi treasures](#) in what few [hours](#) remained. Nomi entrusted Sunrider to Thon, who swore that he would get her to safety, while she and the others joined the preservation efforts. While sitting on Thon's back, Sunrider's attention was drawn to battling ships in the [skies](#) above—among them were the vessels of Ulic Qel-Droma and his brother, Jedi Knight [Cay Qel-Droma](#). Ulic had come to Ossus in an attempt to steal the Jedi treasures for Sith purposes, and after an aerial [dogfight](#), he killed his brother in a [lightsaber duel](#).^[17] Sunrider, still on Thon's back, witnessed the climax of the [duel](#) and her furious mother [cutting Ulic off from the Force](#). A stunned Qel-Droma, realizing his actions, agreed to help his former friends to [defeat](#) Exar Kun and end the war. Sunrider and her mother left Ossus with Qel-Droma in his [starship](#), and traveled along with thousands of other Jedi to Kun's base on [Yavin 4](#), only to witness the [moon](#) engulfed in flames. Knowing that nothing below could survive the conflagration, Sunrider and the others departed.^[18]

Training [Edit](#)

Escape from Exis Station [Edit](#)

"A real Jedi is resourceful. I'll just have to find my own trainer... maybe even Ulic himself! I'll just open my mind, my thoughts... let the Force take me where it wants me to go."

—Vima Sunrider

Over the next ten years, Sunrider's mother became a Jedi Master and respected leader of the Jedi Order. Sunrider grew into adolescence, and resembled her mother more every day—she began official Jedi training under Nomi, although she believed that her mother did not spend enough time teaching her the Jedi way. In [3986 BBY](#), Nomi called a [Jedi Convocation](#) on [Exis Station](#), an ion [mining](#) facility in the [Teedio system](#). Sunrider attended the Exis Station conclave along with her mother, and was overjoyed when she met Master Thon at the [station](#). Still, Sunrider found herself intensely bored by the proceedings, and left the main chamber to observe the ion miners depart for work in a nearby [hangar](#). On a whim, Sunrider decided to take control of one of the [ion mining ships](#) and join the convoy. Sunrider's inexperience with those craft nearly spelled her doom, as she became caught in a [magnetic loop](#) and her ship's instruments went dead. With her [hull](#) melting from the heat of the [nearby sun](#), Sunrider escaped the craft in an [escape pod](#). Although she was still in serious danger of her pod being drawn into the [star](#), a nearby starship—flown by the [Twi'lek](#) Jedi [Tott Doneeta](#), who was late to the Jedi congregation—rescued her by attaching a [cable](#) to her hurtling life-pod and pulling her out of harm's way.^[4]

Sunrider was returned safely to Exis Station, and the convocation continued as scheduled. Still, she was frustrated by her mother's reluctance to continue her Jedi teaching, and determined that she would find her own trainer—her first choice was

Ulic Qel-Droma himself.^[2] Sunrider realized that she wanted to learn under him during the Jedi conclave, where she heard a tirade against Qel-Droma by the Cathar Jedi Sylvar.^[13] At the time, Qel-Droma, who had escaped prosecution for his actions during the Great Sith War, was wandering the [galaxy](#), his location unknown.^[2] Feeling that something in the Force compelled her to seek Qel-Droma out,^[13] Sunrider stowed away aboard a [starship](#) docked in the Exis Station [hangar](#), trusting the Force to take her where she needed to go. She was soon discovered by the ship's [pilot](#), a [spacer](#) named [Hoggon](#). By chance, Hoggon had recently flown Qel-Droma to the icy planet [Rhen Var](#), and Sunrider promised to pay him handsomely if he took her to the reclusive former Jedi. Hoggon took the offer and dropped her off at Rhen Var, directing her to a frozen [fortress](#) in which Qel-Droma was holed up. Although Sunrider was determined to find and learn from Qel-Droma, Hoggon worried for her safety in the harsh Rhen Var landscape, and he gave her a [transmitter](#) that she could use to contact him.^[2]

Meeting her teacher [Edit](#)

"Nomi doesn't know you're here, does she?"

"My mother doesn't notice whether I'm there or not. She doesn't know how badly I want to be a Jedi."

"Do you realize the cost of being a Jedi? I have watched my Master slain, murdered my own brother, betrayed your mother... all of this, only to become blinded to the Force. I no longer enjoy my memories, Vima. I have wandered too far, seen too much... I have the blood of enough children on my hands... why would you want anything I can teach you?"

"Because you're... Ulic."

—Ulic Qel-Droma and Vima Sunrider

Sunrider braved the frozen tundra of Rhen Var and managed to make her way to Qel-Droma's fortress. However, she became lost within the vast structure, and at one point a stone walkway crumbled beneath her weight. Sunrider made it out unharmed, and spied a shadow resembling a man. Sunrider took this form to be Qel-Droma and ran to it as fast as she could. It was indeed Qel-Droma—however, the former Jedi mistook the younger Sunrider for her mother, and began to walk away, thinking that he was going mad. Sunrider chased after him, introduced herself, and revealed her desire to learn the Jedi way from him. Qel-Droma abhorred the idea, as he couldn't even feel the Force, and forced the tearful Sunrider out of the fortress. In the midst of a heavy snowstorm, Sunrider found that her transmitter was not working and that she was stranded. Qel-Droma returned, and brought her to shelter in a pile of wreckage. During the blizzard, Sunrider and Qel-Droma engaged in a conversation about whether she truly wanted to learn from him—despite his disbelief that anyone would want to be his apprentice, and his attempts to talk Sunrider out of it, Qel-Droma agreed to take her as his Jedi learner. Sunrider subsequently sent her mother, still on Exis Station, a message assuring her that she was safe and telling her that Qel-Droma was going to continue her training.^[19]

Vima Sunrider encounters
Ulic Qel-Droma on Rhen
Var.

Sunrider proved herself to be an extremely dedicated student, and Qel-Droma an able teacher. Sunrider had brought along the Adegan crystals that had once belonged to her late father, and when Qel-Droma believed the time to be right, Sunrider built her [first lightsaber](#) using the

crystals. Sunrider promptly embarked on a series of training duels with Qel-Droma, who still retained his skills with a lightsaber even without the Force to guide him. In relatively short order, Sunrider became adept with the weapon. After gaining proficiency with the lightsaber, she put her newfound abilities on display in front of Qel-Droma—it was then that he told Sunrider that he could no longer continue to train her in the Jedi way. Sunrider protested, but Qel-Droma insisted on behalf of his lack of a connection to the Force, comparing his situation to a blinded painter. In response, Sunrider suggested that he become like a sculptor, to use his talent to feel his way where he could no longer see. Qel-Droma took her idea literally, and decided to start a sculpture project with Sunrider. The two worked together to build a large scaffold near an ice-covered [mountain](#) and began their respective pieces, using their lightsabers as carving tools. Sunrider chose to make her

sculpture an image of her father—although she only remembered Andur Sunrider through her mother's holocrons, she was able to make a perfect likeness of him. Sunrider was overjoyed when she finished her work.^[20]

Jedi [Edit](#)

"Vima, remember... possibilities... take this, Jedi..."

"Jedi?"

—Ulic Qel-Droma and Vima Sunrider, in Qel-Droma's last moments

As her training continued, Sunrider and Qel-Droma grew closer and closer—Sunrider was so comfortable with her teacher that she even ribbed him about his participation in the Great Sith War. Still, this happier time would not last much longer, as Nomi Sunrider learned their location from Hoggon and traveled to Rhen Var to retrieve her daughter. Nomi confronted Sunrider and Qel-Droma in the latter's citadel, and demanded that Sunrider return with her. Although Sunrider vehemently espoused the merits of her tutelage under Qel-Droma to her mother, using her newly-constructed lightsaber as evidence in his favor, Qel-Droma left the final decision up to Nomi. She was initially reluctant, but Nomi granted her daughter the chance to prove that her training with Qel-Droma was a good thing. Sunrider chose to show her mother the sculptures that she and Qel-Droma had created, although they had already begun to melt. The image of her late husband stirred emotion in Nomi, and the mother and daughter embraced. This tearful moment was quickly interrupted, however. Sunrider and her mother [sensed](#) a [struggle](#) between Qel-Droma and a presence that they recognized to be Sylvar. Sunrider rushed to the source of the trouble as fast as she could, and found the two fully engaged in a lightsaber duel. As Sylvar, who blamed Qel-Droma for the [death](#) of her mate Crado in the Great Sith War and had not gotten over the past, furiously attacked Qel-Droma, Sunrider's teacher shut off his lightsaber and refused to fight the out-of-control Cathar. In response, Sylvar realized the error of her ways, and she too ceased her assault. Suddenly, a [blaster bolt](#) ripped through Qel-Droma's chest.^[5]

Ulic Qel-Droma training Vima on [Rhen Var](#).

Vima Sunrider casts Ulic Qel-Droma's robes into the wind.

The shot was fired by Hoggon, who had brought Sylvar to Rhen Var and wanted to become a hero by killing the man he saw as one of the galaxy's worst villains. Although Hoggon was quickly sent on his way, Qel-Droma was mortally wounded. Sunrider rushed to Qel-Droma's side, and as her Master lay dying, he gave her his [necklace](#) as a token of thanks for helping him find inner peace. With his last breath, Qel-Droma called Sunrider "Jedi" for the first time. Qel-Droma [passed into](#) the [Netherworld of the Force](#), his mortal body disappearing. Grieving for the loss of her teacher and friend, Sunrider took Qel-Droma's [robe](#) and cast it into the wind.^[5] Vima Sunrider went on to become one of the greatest Jedi of her age,^[21] fulfilling Qel-Droma's hopes for her.^[5] At one point, Sunrider taught^[7] [Meetra Surik](#),^[22] who went on to be [exiled](#) from the Jedi Order and played a

pivotal role in the^[23] [Dark Wars](#) several decades after Sunrider's ascension to Jedi Knighthood.^[7] In 3980 BBY, six years after the death of her Master, Sunrider recorded an account of her tutelage under Ulic Qel-Droma onto the [Great Holocron](#). This anecdote was included in Jedi Master [Tionne Solusar](#)'s [tome](#) on the Force published in 40 ABY.^[24]

Legacy [Edit](#)

Vima Sunrider took on legendary stature after her eventual death. Sunrider gave birth to at least one [child](#), and her line became characterized by powerful women destined for greatness. Her great-great-great-granddaughter, [Vima-Da-Boda](#), who lived thousands of years after Sunrider's time, became a respected Jedi in her own right.^[25]

Personality and traits [Edit](#)

"You're as stubborn as your mother."

—Ulic Qel-Droma, to Vima Sunrider

In her youth, Vima Sunrider was impish and fun-loving, and enjoyed playing with animals^[8]—she also loved dolls and other toys, favoring a stuffed animal shaped like an **Ewok**.^[6] However, she was easily frightened, as she became frozen by fear after encountering a hssiss dragon on Ambria,^[8] and became similarly terrified after seeing the image of Jedi Master Ood Bnar in a holocron.^[6] During her time as an apprentice, Sunrider formed a deep bond with Jedi Master Thon that would persist for years.^[4] She also grew close to Master Odan-Urr, who doted on her.^[15] Although she loved her mother greatly, Sunrider became frustrated with her as she grew older, since Nomi Sunrider was too busy to fully commit to training her in the Jedi way. Sunrider was extremely unimpressed with her mother's duties as a Jedi leader, as she felt that Nomi talked too much instead of acting. Sunrider found herself enamored with the idea of working for a practical goal, which led her to take a life-threatening risk by flying on a dangerous mining expedition near Exis Station.^[4] Desperately wanting to be a Jedi, Sunrider became interested in the prospect of having Ulic Qel-Droma teach her—although she had known Qel-Droma as a young child, she found it difficult to associate the Qel-Droma she knew with the mass-murdering Sith **Lord** he became.^[13] Although she heard terrible things about Qel-Droma, especially from Sylvar, Sunrider did not believe that Qel-Droma could have been as bad as she was told, and settled on him as her teacher when she finally decided to take her training into her own hands.^[2] In fact, Sunrider felt that something in the Force compelled her to find Qel-Droma.^[13]

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Sunrider could be very crafty and resourceful, which she showed when she stowed away on Hoggon's ship and found her way to the elusive Qel-Droma. During this experience, she also showed an intense determination to finish her goal, no matter what^[2]—she was, as Qel-Droma put it, "as stubborn as her mother." However, when she finally met Qel-Droma, she was bitterly disappointed in his initial refusal to train her, and in the man himself. Her admiration for him prevented her from giving up, and she was able to push him to accept her as his student.^[19] During her tutelage under Qel-Droma, Sunrider proved herself to be an extremely dedicated and eager to learn trainee. She also showed herself to be very persuasive, as she was able to talk a reluctant Qel-Droma into continuing her training when he felt unworthy of teaching her.^[20] She and Qel-Droma grew extremely close during this period, and she eventually came to love him as a father.^[13] Although she did not remember her own father, Andur Sunrider, only seeing his face through his mother's holocrons, she nevertheless held a reverence for him.^[20] Sunrider became very devoted to Qel-Droma as her teacher, leading to her being extremely defensive of his character when confronted by her mother on the matter. It was because of their close relationship that she was overcome by grief upon her Master's death,^[5] and remembered him fondly for years afterward.^[13]

Powers and abilities [Edit](#)

"The Force had already been awakened in my daughter. I shouldn't have been surprised. She was the daughter of one... well... two Jedi."

—Nomi Sunrider

As the child of two Jedi, Vima Sunrider was strong in the Force.^[8] Even as an infant, she was able to see her father's spirit through the Force,^[3] and mere months later she had learned to use the Force to control animals.^[8] Through Ulic Qel-Droma's training and her own hard work, Sunrider was able to realize her potential in the Force.^[20] Naturally quick and agile,^[5] she also became skilled with a lightsaber. During her tutelage under Qel-Droma, Sunrider showed herself to be a talented sculptor, creating a perfect likeness of her late father Andur in the side of a mountain.^[20] Sunrider was an able pilot, able to fly an ion mining ship without having ever been in one before.^[4]

Behind the scenes Edit

"Vima was supposed to be Bastila in K1 (seriously), but there are legal issues with using the name "Sunrider" so we were not allowed to use it in K2."

—Chris Avellone, the Lead Designer of *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic II: The Sith Lords*

Although her first mention came in 1993's *Dark Empire Sourcebook*,^[25] Vima Sunrider first appeared in *The Saga of Nomi Sunrider*, the second story arc of the *Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi* comic book series, written by Tom Veitch and released in 1993 and 1994.^{[3][6]} An infant during these stories, she also appeared as a young child in the subsequent *Tales of the Jedi* arcs *The Freedom Nadd Uprising*,^[9] *Dark Lords of the Sith*,^[14] and *The Sith War*.^[15] In a departure from these portrayals, she was later depicted as an adolescent in the final *Tales of the Jedi* arc, *Redemption*.^[4] During her appearances in the *Tales of the Jedi* comics, Sunrider was drawn by several different artists—Janine Johnston,^[3] David Roach,^[8] Christian Gossett,^[11] and Dario Carrasco, Jr.^[15] Sunrider also appeared in the *Tales of the Jedi* audio adaptation, in which she was voiced by Kim Brown.^[26] Additional information on Sunrider has come in a multitude of sources, including mentions in the *Tales of the Jedi Companion*^[1] and *Jedi vs. Sith: The Essential Guide to the Force*,^[13] along with entries in the *Star Wars Encyclopedia*^[27] and its successor, *The Complete Star Wars Encyclopedia*.^[28]

Concept art of Vima Sunrider as a character in *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic*

Vima Sunrider was originally planned to be one of the main characters in the videogame *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic* instead of Jedi Knight Bastila Shan; the name Bastila Shan then belonged to the Cathar Jedi, one of the player's party members. The use of Sunrider in the game had to be abandoned due to trademark issues over the name "Sunrider." When the developers made Bastila a Human taking Sunrider's place in the plot, the Cathar character was renamed Juhani.^[29] Sunrider was to play a role in Alex Irvine's novel *Mandorla*,^[30] but the story was confirmed cancelled on February 29, 2012.^[31]

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- Tales of the Jedi: Dark Lords of the Sith 5: Sith Secrets* (Indirect mention only)
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- Tales of the Jedi: The Sith War 4: Jedi Holocaust*
- Tales of the Jedi: The Sith War 5: Brother Against Brother*
- Tales of the Jedi: The Sith War 6: Dark Lord*
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- Mandorla* (Cancelled)
- Star Wars: The Old Republic* (Codex entry)
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